

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ZONING ORDINANCE TASK FORCE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2006
(Approved December 18, 2006)

The Board of Supervisors held a Zoning Ordinance Task Force Meeting on Monday, December 11, 2006. Present for the meeting were supervisors Robert F. Preston, Atlee Rinehart, Tim Roland and Rosemarie C. Miller. Also in attendance were Casey LaLonde, Township Manager, Planning Commission Chairman Harold Kulp, Planning Commission Vice Chairman Walt Woessner, and Township Planner Wayne Grafton. Mr. Preston called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

2. ZONING ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

At the Board's request, all Zoning Ordinance Articles revised by Wayne Grafton shall be distributed in book form at the earliest convenience.

Wayne Grafton presented an overview of the West Whiteland Township Sign Ordinance, beginning at Section 1701.11, Temporary Signs.

- Section 1702 – delete “Institutional”
- Section 1702 – replace “permitted” with “allowed” throughout and where appropriate.
- Section 1702.A(1) – change 4’ (four feet) to 5’ (five feet).
- Section 1702.B – delete “Institutional.”
- Section 1701.10.B – allow illumination of government / municipal signs.
- Section 1701.10.B(2) - signs no higher than 5’ (five feet). No more than two signs.
- Section 1702.B(3) - replace “multi-family” with “apartments & townhomes.” Change one to two signs.
- Section 1702.B(4) – delete.
- Section 1702.C – change 4 (four) feet square to 2 (two) feet square.
- Section 1702.D – change to 24 (twenty-four) square feet and 5 (five) feet high. Remove signs at 50 (fifty) percent granted Use & Occupancy Permits.
- Section 1703.A(1) – delete “Professional.” “permitted” becomes “allowed” as appropriate.
- Section 1703.B(1)b – in all remaining Sections, 40 (forty) square feet shall be 32 (thirty-two) square feet.
- Section 1704 – delete.
- Section 1705 – delete “LI-2.”
- Section 1705.C – change 4 (four) square feet to (two) 2 square feet.
- Section 1705.B(1)b – change to 32 (thirty-two) square feet.

- Section 1706.A – change to Board of Supervisors. Remove signs at 50 (fifty) percent granted Use & Occupancy Permits.
- Section 1706.C – change “permitted” to “allowed.” Add “Upon issuance of sign permit.”
- Section 1707 – add amortization schedule for seven years, one year after adoption of Ordinance. All sign owners must register existing signs with Township. Township Historical Commission shall determine if signs are historically significant.

Supervisor Roland left at this point in the meeting, 8:45 p.m.

- Section 1701.10.G – add “farm entrance” signs.
- Section 1701.H – add language about sight distance and sight triangles and how signs must not interfere with either condition.

Annique Ruiz-Brown asked the Board of Supervisors how she should go about applying to the Township for a Pennsylvania Cleanways sign for the intersection of Old Schuylkill Road and Sanatoga Road. The Board recommended Ms. Brown adopt Sanatoga Road from Rt. 724 south to E. Cedarville Road and contact PennDOT about the Pennsylvania Adopt-a-Highway program.

Following a discussion about roadside memorials, Preston called for a motion to continue discussion of roadside memorials. The motion died due to the lack of a second therefore memorials will not be part of the sign ordinance.

The 2007 Zoning Task Force meeting dates are as follows:

Monday, January 8, 2007 – Zoning Map.
Monday, January 29, 2007 – Topic to be announced.
Monday, February 12, 2007 – Topic to be announced.
Monday, March 12, 2007 – Topic to be announced.

3. CHECK PAYABLE

The Township Manager presented a check in the amount of \$2,200 for U.S. Post Office charges for the mailing of the 2007 Township property tax bills for the Tax Collector. Miller made a motion to approve the check. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie C. Miller

Township Secretary